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SUBJECT: REPORTED SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR NEW "PROGRESSIVE"
OPEC

1. THE SOVIET UNION REPORTEDLY HAS FORMALLY PROPOSED THE

CREATION OF A "NEW OPEC COMPRISING A NUMBER OF PROGRESSIVE ARAB AND OTHER" OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO A STORY BY A LOCAL JOURNALIST, MUSTAFA ABU LIBDEH, CARRIED IN TWO KUWAITI DAILIES JANUARY 24. THE STORY IS TO THE EFFECT THAT, WHILE THE SOVIET PROPOSAL DOES NOT PRESUME THAT THE "OLD" OPEC WOULD BE ABOLISHED, "THE PRESENT OPEC IS SUBJECT TO PRESSURES AND TRENDS FROM WITHIN, WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE PROGRESSIVES", AND WHICH A NEW ORGANIZATION OF "PROGRESSIVES" COULD AVOID. THE SOVIET UNION AND THE "EAST BLOC" REPORTEDLY WOULD BECOME PART OF THE NEW OPEC. THE ARTICLE ASSERTS THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL WAS MADE FIRST TO ALGERIA, AND THEN TO IRAQ AND LIBYA.

2. COMMENT: WE SPOKE WITH THE REPORTER THE SAME MORNING HIS STORY APPEARED AND INQUIRED ABOUT HIS SOURCE. ALTHOUGH HE IS FRIENDLY TO THE EMBASSY, HE REFUSED TO REVEAL IT. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE GOT THE INFORMATION VERBALLY FROM A PERSON IN KUWAIT WHO HAS AN "OIL AFFILIATION" BUT NO DIPLOMATIC STATUS, AND WHO IS A CITIZEN OF ONE OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES TO WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE THEIR PITCH. THE REPORTER SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT HIS ACQUISITION OF THE INFORMATION WAS NOT A "PRE-DESIGNED" LEAK. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR TELLS US PRESS STORY WAS FIRST NEWS FOR HIM OF SUCH PROPOSAL.
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